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SUBJ: FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER'S VISIT TO GREENLAND

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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN HIS RECENTLY COMPLETED VISIT TO GREENLAND
NORGAARD FOUND MUCH SUSPICION OF EC AND LITTLE APPRECIATION OF
BENEFITS COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP OFFERED. NORGAARD USED SHOCK
METHOD OF TELLING THEM THAT, IF THEY CONVINCED THEY ARE DIS-
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ADVANTAGED, DENMARK WOULD HELP THEM OUT OF EC. HE WARNED, HOWEVER,

OF SERIOUS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD FOLLOW. DESPITE OCCASIONALLY STRONG RHETORIC, NORGAARD FEELS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF VISIT WERE ACHIEVED. HE BELIEVES HE HAS CONVINCED GREENLANDERS THAT EC OFFERS MORE BENEFITS THAN DISADVANTAGES, PARTICULARLY IF IT SHOULD ADOPT FISHERY POLICY PROPOSED BY DENMARK. HE FOUND GREENLANDERS RECEPTIVE TO IDEA THAT NEW EC FISHERY PROPOSAL WOULD, IF ADOPTED, PROVIDE MORE IMPORTANT BENEFITS TO LOCAL FISHERMEN THAN WOULD A 50-MILE FISHERIES ZONE. NORGAARD HOPES EC WILL ADOPT FISHERY POLICY BEFORE END OF YEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MEETING WITH FONECONMIN NORGAARD SEPTEMBER 5, DCM AND ECONOFF ASKED WHETHER PRESS REPORTS THAT NORGAARD HAD OFFERED TO HELP GREENLAND OUT OF EC WERE CORRECT. MINISTER SAID HE MADE THIS POINT WITH PURPOSE OF SHAKING UP GREENLANDERS-- AND SUCCEEDED. HE WANTED TO DISABUSE THEM OF IMPRESSION THEY WERE DOING DENMARK AND EC A FAVOR WITH EC MEMBERSHIP AND IMPRESS ON THEM THE POSITIVE BENEFITS EC WILL PROVIDE THEM, INCLUDING REGIONAL AID. GREENLANDERS CONCERN WAS PRINCIPALLY WITH EC FISHERY POLICY AND NORGAARD BELIEVES HE CONVINCED THEM THAT HIS PROPOSAL FOR A REVISION OF POLICY TO PERMIT GREATER EXPLOITATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES BY LOCAL FISHERMEN WOULD, IF ADOPTED, PROVIDE GREATER BENEFITS TO GREENLAND THAN A 50-MILE FISHERIES ZONE (REF B) NORGAARD ADDED SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY THAT GREENLANDERS REMAINED DUBIOUS ABOUT CHANCES OF GETTING HIS FISHERY PROPOSALS ADOPTED BY EC.

2. ON THE WHOLE, HE FELT HIS VISIT WAS BENEFICIAL BOTH TO HIM AND TO GREENLANDERS. HE WAS ABLE TO BRING THEM BETTER VIEW OF REALITY AND THEY GAVE HIM FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THEIR CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS.

IN CONSEQUENCE, NORGAARD FEELS IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO PUSH FOR NEW FISHERY POLICY PROPOSED TO EC BY DENMARK. WE UNDERSTAND COMMISSION WILL PRESENT OUTLINE OF PROPOSAL TO EC COUNCIL AT SEPTEMBER 20-21 MEETING AND ASK FOR APPROVAL TO PREPARE IT IN DETAIL. NORGAARD WAS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC ON CHANCES FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF NEW FISHERY POLICY ALONG LINES HE HAD RECOMMENDED BEFORE END OF YEAR. TO MAKE PROPOSAL MORE ATTRACTIVE TO GREENLANDERS AND TO REDUCE THEIR EARS OF EC, HE HAS OFFERED GREENLANDERS REPRESENTATION AT RUSSELS DURING FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATION ON PROPOSED NEW EC FISHERY POLICY. IN THE INTERIM, HE HOPES HIS VISIT WILL HAVE SERVED TO CHECK THOSE GREENLAND FORCES DESIRING AUTONOMY AND A 50-MILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISHERIES ZONE.

3. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FONOFF OFFICIAL WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED NORGAARD, WE WERE TOLD GREENLANDERS CONCERNS ABOUT EC SEEM TO BE AS MUCH PSYCHOLOGICAL AS SUBSTANTIVE. THEY HAVE UNREASONABLE FEARS OF NON-DANISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPLOITING GREENLAND AT WILL. DANISH DELEGATION TRIED PATIENTLY TO EXPLAIN THIS NOT SO. AS EXAMPLE, LOCAL GREENLAND POLITICAL FIGURE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER EC EXPLOITATION OF LOCAL MINERAL RESOURCES AND WAS ASSURED

THAT DANISH MINERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS WILL REMAIN GOVERNING
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